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## MAKE NON-CROP AREAS PRODUCE



Every farm has areas not suitable for agricultural use. These plots should be converted into another type of production - wildlife. Eroded areas, rocky outcrops, abandoned lanes, marshy areas, and land cut off from main fields by ditches are potential sites for wildlife production.

Fencing out and revegetating these areas will also help the farm by checking erosion, hiding the unsightly scars, and taking them out of the "waste" into the "producing" class.

### TREATMENT

Exclude livestock, and protect from fire.

Plant adaptable trees and shrubs around and in the gullied areas.

Sow sericea lespedeza or other perennial legumes to provide protective ground cover for the soil and wildlife.

Establish shrubs and natural food plants for upland game species.

Provide open grassy areas for ground-nesting birds.

If natural food and cover plants are growing, it is not advisable to plant more. These can be improved by soil treatments.